

Weekly Column for November 8, 2007

To begin this week, I want to thank all of the voters that went to the polls this week and voted for the future of our Great City. I think it goes without saying that I am personally pleased with the results for Mayor, and I want to thank everyone for the wonderful support I received.

On another note, I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead to work with a new City Council. Though we come from different political parties, we are Trojans at heart, and I am convinced we will work together for the benefit of Troy.

This afternoon we held the annual announcement for the Troy Turkey Trot, of which this year will be the 60th running of the event. Thanksgiving in Troy will feature five exciting events: including a 1.5-mile Turkey Walk and a 1-mile grade school run. There is the world famous 5K run that begins at 9:30 a.m., and for the third year in a row, The Troy Turkey Trot 10k will be host to the Adirondack Association open men's and women's 10k road race championships. Adirondack membership is required for championship awards. Separate USATF Adirondack Association awards will be awarded to the top individual male and female athletes and to the top club team athletes.

As one of the oldest races in the entire country, the Turkey Trot is something we look forward to each year in the City of Troy. We strive to bring in thousands of new people to Troy on Thanksgiving, with the hope that they begin to experience a little of what we enjoy on a daily basis, and keep them coming back again and again.

For the first time this year, at approximately 8 hours prior to the running of the Troy turkey Trot a satellite version of the Troy Turkey Trot will take place at Sather Air Force Base, located in Baghdad, Iraq. Between 100 and 200 military personnel are expected to take part in a 5K race as part of their Thanksgiving Day Celebration and the year-long celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the race. The City of Troy and our race sponsors will be sending them official race numbers, t-shirts, participation and awards medals along with this banner (show banner). If all goes well, it is our hope to announce the winners of this satellite race before the start of our 5K-race on Thanksgiving morning.

Again this year to make the registration process more convenient and runner friendly, participants have the option to register online at www.active.com by **November 16th** at or before 3:00 p.m.

Any questions about the Trot can be answered by calling the Gobbler Hotline, at 235-8993, or by visiting the City's website at www.troyny.gov

The sponsors of the event include Hannaford, Pioneer Savings Bank, Popeye's Restaurant, Fly92, Saratoga Water, WM J Fagan and Sons, and E-Lot. We could not put this event on without their help.

Have a great weekend!
Harry J Tutunjian
Mayor of Troy